



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.6
Soil moisture supplies: 9% very short, 26% short, 56% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report
Tropical storm Bonnie had little overall impact on agriculture in the state, but she scattered heavy rains across some areas and only traces of rainfall in other areas. Humid overcast days and scattered showers slowed rice maturity and delayed harvest in southern rice producing areas. Minor stinkbug problems appeared in some later maturing rice. In some areas, soybean fields were saturated which caused root rot and stand decline issues on later planted fields. In other areas, soybeans improved daily with a lot of plant growth, and only minor insect problems reported. Sugarcane farmers prepared fields for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Vegetable producers harvested greenhouse and field tomatoes, melons, eggplants and cucumbers. Tomato fields were sprayed to control insects and diseases. Vegetable crops began to fade out for the season under pressure from the heat.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
In some areas there was adequate forage for hay and grazing of livestock with the recent rains. Armyworm problems persisted in some hay fields and pastures in spite of some having been sprayed twice. Livestock fared well in spite of the heat. Some crawfish farmers planted forage rice in preparation for the upcoming season.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2009 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Dough | 100 | 95 | 99 | 97 |
| | Harvested | 9 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Cotton | Squaring | 99 | 96 | 100 | 99 |
| | Setting Bolls | 83 | 73 | 89 | 86 |
| | Bolls Opening | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hay | Second cutting | 71 | 58 | 49 | 53 |
| Peaches | Harvested | 81 | 70 | 76 | 86 |
| Rice | Headed | 85 | 73 | 74 | 78 |
| | Ripe | 13 | 5 | 9 | 12 |
| | Harvested | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sorghum | Headed | 100 | 98 | 99 | 93 |
| | Coloring | 83 | 61 | 65 | 56 |
| Soybeans | Blooming | 91 | 86 | 87 | 90 |
| | Setting Pods | 75 | 66 | 71 | 76 |
| | Turning Color | 9 | 2 | 6 | 7 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn | 8 | 17 | 30 | 45 | 0 |
| Cotton | 2 | 14 | 25 | 58 | 1 |
| Rice | 0 | 1 | 17 | 48 | 34 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 5 | 30 | 58 | 7 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 10 | 34 | 49 | 6 |
| Sugarcane | 0 | 7 | 24 | 40 | 29 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0 | 2 | 46 | 50 | 2 |
| Livestock | 1 | 6 | 35 | 49 | 9 |
| Vegetables | 4 | 18 | 42 | 33 | 3 |
| Pasture | 3 | 10 | 37 | 41 | 9 |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/18/10 TO 07/25/10

| | AIR | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| | MAX | TEMPERATURE MIN | AVE | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 97 | 73 | 85 | 83 | 0.01 | 2.45 | 17.11 | 31.13 |
| Minden | 97 | 74 | 85 | 82 | 0.00 | 2.56 | 19.81 | 33.77 |
| Mooringsport | 96 | 75 | 85 | MM | 0.00 | 7.01 | 24.42 | 27.68 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 73 | 85 | 83 | 0.00 | 4.01 | 20.45 | 31.81 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 98 | 72 | 85 | 83 | 0.30 | 2.22 | 15.75 | 34.04 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 98 | 72 | 84 | 82 | 0.00 | 2.55 | 22.13 | 33.74 |
| ULM-Monroe | 98 | 71 | 85 | 83 | 0.25 | 4.27 | 22.86 | 35.86 |
| Columbia Lock | (100) | 73 | 86 | MM | 0.75 | 2.12 | 17.04 | 37.06 |
| Extreme/Average | 100 | 71 | 85 | 83 | 0.33 | 2.79 | 19.45 | 34.76 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 94 | 75 | 84 | 83 | 0.22 | 3.25 | 18.35 | 37.04 |
| LSU-St Joseph | 96 | 74 | 85 | 83 | 0.69 | 2.29 | 20.45 | 35.32 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 99 | 72 | 86 | 83 | 0.05 | 1.73 | 16.64 | 35.13 |
| Tallulah | 95 | 73 | 84 | 82 | 0.25 | 3.72 | 21.49 | 36.69 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 72 | 85 | 83 | 0.30 | 2.75 | 19.23 | 35.99 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 95 | (70) | 83 | 82 | 0.67 | 3.55 | 18.47 | 34.02 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 98 | 72 | 83 | 82 | 1.21 | 5.21 | 25.28 | 34.44 |
| Natchitoches | 98 | 75 | 86 | 84 | 0.00 | 2.88 | 17.12 | 33.01 |
| Extreme/Average | 98 | 70 | 84 | 83 | 0.63 | 3.88 | 18.47 | 33.57 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 97 | 75 | 85 | 84 | 0.91 | 5.67 | 26.49 | 35.30 |
| Brusly | MM | MM | MM | 82 | M.MM | M.MM | MM.MM | 37.32 |
| Bunkie | 95 | 73 | 84 | 83 | 0.35 | 3.74 | 29.92 | 37.13 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 96 | 74 | 84 | 83 | 0.58 | 4.56 | 25.48 | 34.06 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 73 | 85 | 83 | 0.61 | 4.66 | 27.30 | 35.89 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Franklinton 5SW | 92 | 71 | 81 | MM | 3.41 | 7.24 | 30.33 | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | 93 | 74 | 83 | 82 | 0.94 | 3.55 | 26.58 | 36.56 |
| Amite | 97 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 1.76 | 5.28 | 30.59 | 40.14 |
| LSU-Hammond | 93 | 72 | 82 | 82 | 2.40 | 5.91 | 24.31 | 37.90 |
| Slidell | 92 | 74 | 83 | 82 | 2.37 | 8.00 | 37.50 | 37.43 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 71 | 83 | 82 | 2.18 | 6.00 | 29.86 | 38.82 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| DeRidder | 95 | 73 | 83 | 83 | 1.62 | 4.95 | 26.40 | 35.58 |
| Jennings | 94 | 75 | 83 | 82 | 1.79 | 7.81 | 27.21 | 34.30 |
| LSU-Crowley | 95 | 75 | 84 | 82 | 0.92 | 8.27 | 27.17 | 34.97 |
| Extreme/Average | 95 | 73 | 84 | 83 | 1.44 | 7.01 | 26.93 | 34.95 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 93 | 75 | 83 | 82 | 0.37 | 8.39 | 29.30 | 36.08 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 94 | 75 | 84 | 82 | 0.55 | 15.23 | 35.22 | 35.97 |
| Morgan City | 94 | 72 | 84 | 82 | 0.40 | 6.33 | 19.56 | 36.41 |
| Extreme/Average | 94 | 72 | 84 | 83 | 0.44 | 9.98 | 28.03 | 36.36 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 92 | 75 | 84 | 82 | 0.50 | 9.00 | 32.72 | 38.16 |
| Houma | 96 | 74 | 84 | 83 | 0.35 | 8.20 | 30.36 | 37.12 |
| Terrytown 3S | 94 | 77 | 85 | MM | 1.58 | 6.58 | 35.98 | MM.MM |
| Reserve | MM | MM | MM | 82 | M.MM | M.MM | MM.MM | 39.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 74 | 84 | 83 | 0.81 | 7.93 | 33.02 | 37.60 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| State Averages | 100 | 70 | 84 | 83 | 0.81 | 5.43 | 25.30 | 35.65 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through July 25, 2010

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